

1 **Millennial meridional dynamics of Indo-Pacific Warm Pool**
2 **during the last termination**

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27 **Abstract**

28 To develop an in-depth understanding of the natural dynamics of the Indo-
29 Pacific Warm Pool (IPWP) during the last deglaciation, stacked North- (N-)
30 and South-IPWP (S-IPWP) thermal and hydrological records over the past 23-
31 10.5 thousand years (ka) were built using planktonic foraminiferal
32 geochemistry data from a new core, MD05-2925 (9.3°S, 151.5°E, water depth
33 1661 m) in the Solomon Sea and eleven previous sites. Ice-volume corrected
34 seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$) stacks show that S-IPWP $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ values are
35 indistinguishable from their northern counterpart through glacial time. The N-
36 IPWP SST stacked record features an increasing trend of $0.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{Cka}^{-1}$ since 18
37 ka. Its S-IPWP counterpart shows an earlier onset of temperature increase at
38 19 ka and a strong teleconnection to high-latitude climate in the Southern
39 Hemisphere. Meridional SST gradients between N- and S-IPWP were 1 to 1.5
40 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ during the Bølling/Allerød period and $1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ during both Heinrich event 1 and
41 the Younger Dryas due to a warmer S-IPWP. A warm S-IPWP during the cold
42 events may possibly weaken the southern hemispheric branch of the Hadley
43 Cell and reduce precipitation in the Asian Monsoon region.

44 **1. Introduction**

45 The Indo-Pacific Warm Pool (IPWP) is the largest warm water mass in the
46 world, with an annual average sea surface temperature (SST) greater than 28
47 °C (Yan et al., 1992). Vigorous regional atmosphere circulation transports
48 latent heat and water moisture from the IPWP to the middle and high latitudes
49 (Yan et al., 1992). For the past five decades, the IPWP has experienced
50 surface water freshening and a westward shift in precipitation, resulting in
51 regional drought in East Africa and storm track changes in East Australia
52 (Cravatte et al., 2009; Williams and Funk, 2011). Since the early 2000s,
53 intensive paleoclimatological studies have been conducted to understand
54 long-term thermal and hydrological changes in the IPWP, associated with
55 glacial/interglacial (G/IG) cycles, and to constrain the relationship between
56 warm pool thermal and hydrological fluctuations to high latitude ice sheet and
57 greenhouse gas concentrations during the late Pleistocene (e.g., Lea et al.,
58 2000; Stott et al., 2002; Visser et al., 2003; Rosenthal et al., 2003; Stott et al.,
59 2004; de Garidel-Thoron et al., 2005; Steinke et al., 2006; Levi et al., 2007;
60 Xu et al., 2008; Linsley et al., 2010; Bolliet et al., 2011; Mothadi et al., 2014).

61 Stacked IPWP SST and seawater oxygen isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$) records from
62 the last glacial to the Holocene clearly show a close link between the IPWP
63 SST, the Asian-Australian Monsoon (AAM) system, and sea level (Stott et al.,
64 2004; Oppo et al., 2009; Linsley et al., 2010). However, a complicated ocean-
65 island configuration and regional topography hinder the fidelity of using these
66 records to describe past climate changes in detail (Griffiths et al., 2009;
67 Mohtadi et al., 2011). In particular, little is known about the meridional

68 thermal-hydrological dynamics between the N-IPWP and S-IPWP during the
69 last termination.

70 Here we present new oceanic proxy-inferred SST and ice volume-corrected
71 surface seawater oxygen isotope $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$) records from the Solomon
72 Sea, Papua New Guinea (PNG) for the past 23-10.5 thousand years ago (ka,
73 before 1950 AD, hereafter). New SST and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ stacked records since
74 the last termination are built for both the N- and S-IPWP to understand
75 regional thermal-hydrological changes and interhemispheric teleconnections.

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77 **2. Material and Methods**

78 Site MD05-2925 (9.3°S, 151.5°E, water depth 1661 m) is located at the
79 northern slope of the Woodlark Basin in the Solomon Sea, which is the
80 passage of surface and subsurface water masses between low- and middle-
81 latitude South Pacific Ocean gyre and cross equatorial currents (Grenier et al.,
82 2011; Melet et al., 2011) (Fig. 1). The seasonal precipitation in this region (Fig.
83 1) is dominated by the AAM system, coupled with the intertropical
84 convergence zone (ITCZ) (Shiau et al., 2012, and references therein). Tests
85 of single species planktonic foraminifera, *Globigerinoides sacculifer* (> 500 μm ,
86 total amount of 2-6 mg), at 13 selected depths were picked for accelerator
87 mass spectrometry (AMS) ^{14}C dating. The AMS dates were calibrated using
88 the CALIB 6.0.1 program (Stuiver et al., 2010, Table 1; Reimer et al., 2009) to
89 reconstruct an age model for a time interval from 23 to 10.5 ka.

90 Forty to sixty individuals of the planktonic foraminifera *Globigerinoides*
91 *ruber* (white, s.s., 250-300 μm) were picked under the microscope. For Mg/Ca
92 measurements, 20-30 individuals were gently crushed and transported into a

93 1.5 mL Teflon vial. The cleaning procedure was as follows: (1) foraminiferal
94 fragments were immersed in ethanol, (2) a 0.45 mL aliquot of 3% H₂O₂, (3)
95 NH₄Cl (0.45 mL, 1.0 N), (4) NH₂OH (0.45 mL, 0.01 N), and then (5) dilute
96 nitric acid (1 mL, 0.005 N). A sector field inductive coupled plasma mass
97 spectrometer (SF-ICP-MS), Thermo Electron Element II, housed at the High-
98 Precision Spectrometry and Environment Change Laboratory (HISPEC),
99 Department of Geosciences, National Taiwan University, was used to
100 determine trace element/Ca ratios following the methodology developed by
101 Shen et al. (2007). The detailed cleaning procedure and methodology are
102 available in Lo et al. (2014). Two-year 1-sigma reproducibility of Mg/Ca
103 analyses is ±0.21% (Lo et al., 2014). We used a composite Mg/Ca-SST
104 equation by Anand et al. (2003) to calculate SSTs.

105 For oxygen stable isotope analysis, 7-10 individuals were immersed in
106 methanol, ultrasonicated for 10 seconds, and then rinsed with deionized water
107 5 times. Samples were immersed afterward in a hyperchloride sodium (NaOCl)
108 for 24 hours, and then analyzed with an isotopic ratio mass spectrometer
109 (IRMS), Micromass IsoPrime, housed in the National Taiwan Normal
110 University. Long-term 1-sigma precision is better than ±0.05‰ (N = 701, Lo et
111 al., 2013) and data are reported with respect to Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite
112 (VPDB).

113 To extract seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$) values, we used a cultural based
114 equation, $\text{SST} = 16.5 - 4.8 \times (\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{C}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}})$ (Bemis et al., 1998) and a
115 constant offset of 0.27‰ between carbonate VPDB and Vienna Standard
116 Ocean Water (VSMOW) scales. Ice volume corrected $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$ ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$) was
117 calculated using the method proposed by Waelbroeck et al. (2002).

118 The empirical orthogonal function (EOF) analysis of a modern SST dataset
119 (1950-2004 AD, Reynolds et al., 2002) for a sector from 20°S – 20°N, and
120 100°E- 180°E was conducted (Fig. 2) to determine the boundary between N-
121 and S-IPWP. With an equatorial border, the EOF1 factor (83.4%) clearly
122 resolved different SST variation groups. The EOF2 factor shows minor (9.7%)
123 but significant inter-annual zonal (ENSO) control on the SST patterns. EOF
124 results show that the geographic equator is also the thermal equator between
125 N-IPWP and S-IPWP (Fig. 2).

126 To build a stacked N- and S-IPWP record, we followed the suggestions by
127 Leduc et al. (2010) and considered three criteria for this dataset: (1) sites with
128 locations from 12°N to 15°S, which is the main IPWP range (Yan et al., 1992;
129 Gagan et al., 2004), and (2) usage of specific proxies, Mg/Ca-derived SST
130 and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c$ records of planktonic foraminifera, *G. ruber* (white, s.s.). Records
131 from 12 sites were selected, including this study (Table 2). We adopted the
132 published age model for sites ODP806, MD97-2140, MD97-2141, MD98-2162,
133 MD98-2170, MD98-2176, and MD98-2181. For records with available original
134 radiocarbon ages from sites, including MD01-2378, MD01-2390, MD98-2165,
135 and MD06-3067, we recalculated the age models using the CALIB 6.0.1
136 program. The sea level change effect on $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$ was also corrected. We
137 divided the total data into 400-yr windows and calculated the mean and
138 standard error of the mean for each time window.

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140 **3. Results and Discussion**

141 **3.1 Geochemical proxy data at site MD05-2925**

142 Planktonic foraminiferal geochemical proxy data for site MD05-2925 are
143 shown in Figure 3. *G. ruber* $\delta^{18}\text{O}_\text{C}$ varies from -1.0 to -2.3‰ and shows no
144 significant millennial timescale variations. Mg/Ca ratios feature stable glacial
145 values of ~3.5 mmol/mol and rapid increasing transitions of 0.5-1.0 mmol/mol
146 at ~18.5, 16.5, 14.5, and 12.8 ka. The glacial-interglacial variation of
147 calculated seawater $\delta^{18}\text{O}_\text{SW}$ changes is ~1‰. Two abrupt decreases of 0.6-
148 0.8‰ are observed at 14.6 and 11.8 ka.

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150 **3.2 Solomon SST and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_\text{SW-IVC}$ records during the last termination**

151 Mg/Ca SST records of the planktonic foraminifera *G. ruber* reveal a stable
152 glacial thermal condition during the period 23.0-18.5 ka, with a variation <1 °C
153 and a glacial-interglacial difference of ~3 °C between the last glacial maximum
154 (LGM) and the end of the Younger Dryas (YD) in the Solomon Sea (Fig. 4A).
155 This record is characterized by (i) the end of glacial conditions at 18.5 ka, and
156 (ii) rapid SST increases of 1-2 °C at 18.5-18.0, 17.0-16.0, 15.0-14.5, and 13.0-
157 12.5 ka.

158 The onset of deglacial SST increases in this region is consistent with the
159 timing of thermal changes in the Southern Ocean as inferred from Antarctic
160 ice core δD records (Stenni et al., 2003) (Fig. 4A). This agreement indicates a
161 strong climatic teleconnection between low- and high-latitude realms in the
162 Southern Hemisphere (SH), as well as change of greenhouse gas
163 concentrations (Mothadi et al., 2014). There are significant SST increases of
164 1-2 °C during Heinrich event (H1) and the YD. Previous studies from the
165 Eastern Equatorial and South Pacific reveal a mechanism characterized by
166 early warming of South Pacific subtropical mode water (Pahnke et al., 2003;

167 Lamy et al., 2004; Pena et al., 2008). This warm signal is transported along a
168 gyre to the east equatorial Pacific (EEP) and eventually to the west Pacific
169 through ocean tunneling (Pena et al., 2008; Qu et al., 2013, Fig. 4A). Our new
170 SST record is similar to those in the EEP (Pena et al., 2008) and eastern
171 Indian Ocean records (Xu et al., 2008; Mothadi et al., 2014) for both
172 termination timing (within dating error) and significant warming during the H1
173 and YD events. There is a slightly warming (<1 °C) interval at 14.5-13.5 ka
174 during the B/A period (Fig. 4A). The warming could be attributed to a possible
175 mixing with the warm N-IPWP surface water.

176 The Solomon Sea $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ record is given in Figure 4B. It varies from -
177 0.5 to 0.1‰ during 23.0-10.5 ka. A relatively stable condition with 1-sigma
178 variability of 0.1‰ occurred from 23.0 to 16.0 ka. Two significant positive
179 excursions with 0.2-0.5‰ enrichments in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ are observed in the intervals
180 16.8-15.0, and 13.8-11.8 ka. Two stable periods with low $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ of -0.4‰
181 occurred between 15.0-13.0 ka and after 11.8 ka.

182 The dramatic $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ increases during H1 and the YD likely resulted
183 from a weakening and/or southward shift of the ITCZ (Chiang and Bitz, 2005;
184 Broccoli et al., 2006), and local evaporation may also play a role. Agreement
185 of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ sequences of Greenland NGRIP ice core and the Solomon Sea
186 $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ indicates an imprint from high latitude Northern Hemisphere (NH)
187 during the last termination period (Shakun and Carlson, 2010) (Fig. 4B).

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189 **3.3 Millennial timescale variations of N- and S-IPWP SST stacks**

190 Both N- and S-IPWP stacked SSTs show the same difference of ~ 3 °C
191 between the last glacial and interglacial states (Fig. 5A). N-IPWP stacked SST

192 values increased steadily since 18 ka through the termination at a rate of 0.5
193 °C/kyr. Millennial timescale variability is absent in this record, which is similar
194 to Linsley et al. (2010) and Stott et al. (2002). Although the resolution of ODP
195 806 and MD97-2140 are less than our request to solve millennial-timescale
196 event, there is no significant difference with/without their records in our N-
197 IPWP stacks (not shown).

198 The onset of the termination at ~19 ka in the S-IPWP stack is consistent
199 with temperature increases in Antarctica (Stenni et al., 2003), and occur about
200 1 kyr earlier than in the N-IPWP stack (Fig. 5A). This timing is synchronous
201 with EEP (Pena et al., 2008) and non-upwelling region eastern Indian Ocean
202 (Xu et al., 2008; Mothadi et al., 2014) SST records. Thus, our MD05-2925 and
203 S-IPWP stacked SST may not severely controlled by the equatorial upwelling
204 intensity. Instead of that, S-IPWP stacked SST represents broad SH
205 equatorial region thermal conditions under upwelling/non-upwelling, E-W
206 equatorial and even in the different ocean basins (Indian/Pacific Ocean).
207 Records from the tropical South China Sea show inter-proxy (U^{K}_{37} and Mg/Ca)
208 differences during the H1 and YD (Zhao et al.2006; Steinke et al., 2008),
209 probably attributed to the intrinsic limitations of different proxies, such as
210 seasonality and upwelling intensity. S-IPWP stacked SST record is
211 characterized by a warming trend during H1 and the YD periods, similar to
212 Antarctic ice core temperature records (Stenni et al., 2003), and a steady
213 thermal condition at ~27 °C during Bølling/Allerød (B/A), corresponding to the
214 Antarctic Cold Reversal (ACR) (Fig. 5A).

215 The thermal gradient between N- and S-IPWP is around 1 °C during 23 to
216 19 ka. Due to the earlier S-IPWP warming, the thermal gradient dropped from

217 1 to 0.5 °C around 19-18 ka, and persisted to the end of the H1 event. The
218 largest observed thermal gradient (1.5-2.0 °C) occurred during the B/A period,
219 and was followed by a 1 °C drop during the YD. The meridional SST gradient
220 between N- and S-IPWP over the last termination is attributed to the large
221 thermal variability in the S-IPWP (Fig. 5A). Asynchronicity between persistent
222 N-IPWP and fluctuating S-IPWP SST sequences (Fig. 5A) indicates a
223 meridionally dynamic IPWP through the last termination period. This N-S SST
224 gradient variability would also affect interhemispheric air flow and heat
225 transport (Gibbons et al., 2014; McGee et al., 2014), providing a mechanism
226 to explain heat transport between the hemispheres on a millennial timescale.

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228 **3.4 N- and S-IPWP $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ records**

229 Both N- and S-IPWP $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ records feature (i) low values of -0.3-0.0‰
230 during glacial times, and (ii) increasing trends after 19 ka (Fig. 5C). The
231 gradient between N- and S-IPWP gradually increased from 0‰ to 0.2‰
232 through the termination (Fig. 5D). A similar pattern of $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ between N-
233 and S-IPWP suggests that hydrological conditions in the two regions were
234 governed by the same factor(s), probably related to Northern Atlantic cold
235 perturbations (Shakun and Carlson, 2010). It has also been suggested that a
236 major $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ increase during the H1 and YD periods in the IPWP region
237 likely resulted from reduced precipitation and oceanic advection in both the N-
238 IPWP and S-IPWP regions (Gibbons et al., 2014; McGee et al., 2014).

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240 **3.5 Meridional IPWP SST gradient and the southward-shifted ITCZ** 241 **precipitation boundary**

242 A striking feature of the stacked SST records is the warming in the S-IPWP
243 during the H1 and YD periods (Fig. 5A). Observations over the past six
244 decades (Fig. 12 of Feng et al., 2013) show that an equatorward shift of the
245 NH convection branch of the Hadley Cell (HC) could result from an oceanic
246 warming at $\sim 10^\circ$ S. This equatorward shift could induce a southward ITCZ
247 shift of about 10° (Feng et al., 2013). Model simulations (Chiang and Bitz,
248 2005; Broccoli et al., 2006, Lee et al., 2011) suggest that this altered
249 circulation is a powerful teleconnection between the NH and SH climate
250 systems through a coupled tropical ocean-atmosphere pathway, and is
251 supported by marine and terrestrial hydrological proxy data (Wang et al., 2001,
252 Lea et al., 2003, Wang et al., 2007, Griffiths et al., 2009, Shakun and Carlson,
253 2010, Mohtadi et al., 2011, Meckler et al., 2012, Ayliffe et al., 2013, Carolin et
254 al., 2013, Gibbons et al., 2014; McGee et al., 2014, Fig. 6).

255 Distinctly different precipitation conditions across $8-10^\circ$ S in the IPWP
256 during the H1 and YD events are illustrated in Figure 6. For example,
257 enhanced terrestrial sediment flux into the Coral Sea is suggested by a
258 marine sediment thorium isotopic proxy record at 11° S (Shiau et al. 2011).
259 Lynch's crater records from northeastern Australia at 17° S (Muller et al., 2008)
260 show strong Australian summer monsoonal conditions. Stalagmite $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
261 records at Flores Island (8° S) also feature intense precipitation during H1 and
262 the YD (Griffiths et al., 2009, Ayliffe et al., 2013). However, marine and
263 stalagmite $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ evidence reveal conditions of reduced precipitation and
264 increased salinity in the northern IPWP north of $8-10^\circ$ S, including the South
265 China Sea (12° N, Stenike et al., 2006), Sulu Sea (8° N, Rosenthal et al.,
266 2003), Philippine Sea (6° N, Stott et al., 2002; Boillet et al., 2011), Java Island

267 (8° S, Mohtadi et al., 2011), Solomon Sea (9° S, this study), and Borneo island
268 (4° N, Meckler et al., 2012, Carolin et al., 2013) (Fig. 6). On the basis of
269 previous terrestrial and marine hydrological records and our new data, as well
270 as modern (Feng et al., 2013) and simulated (Chiang and Bitz, 2005; Broccoli
271 et al., 2006) data, we speculate a sharp precipitation boundary between the
272 maritime continents and Australia at about 8-10° S, extending from the
273 Solomon Sea, Arafura Sea and Timor Sea, to the eastern Indian Ocean
274 during H1 and the YD periods (Fig. 6). We propose that the west and east
275 boundaries are between the Java-Flores islands (Griffiths et al., 2009,
276 Mohtadi et al., 2011), and Solomon-Coral Seas, respectively (Shiau et al.,
277 2011, this study). Geographical mismatch between N- and S-IPWP thermal
278 and precipitation patterns could be associated with the complex of island
279 mountain range configurations and sea level change (Linsley et al., 2010).

280 To sum up our geochemical and composite dataset in the IPWP region
281 during the last terminations, we propose that the enlarged IPWP meridional
282 SST gradient could result in an altered HC and reduced (increased)
283 precipitation for the East Asian (Australia) monsoon territories during the H1
284 and YD periods (McGee et al., 2014). We also propose that variations in the
285 meridional IPWP SST gradient during the termination period were mainly
286 caused by the S-IPWP, which is closely linked to high-latitude climate
287 systems.

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289 **4. Conclusions**

290 Our new MD05-2925 marine geochemical records and previous reports
291 suggest that the meridional IPWP thermal conditions are strongly linked to

292 interhemispheric high-latitude climate during the last deglaciation. Ice volume-
293 corrected $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$ stacked records show an increasing salinity gradient
294 between N- and S-IPWP over the last termination. Here we propose a new
295 process of the thermal evolution of IPWP region, which meridional differences
296 of its thermal gradient could amplify the signal from high latitude Northern
297 hemisphere climate events, including H1, B/A and YD, and radiative forcing
298 from greenhouse gases. A hypothetical precipitation boundary around 8-10° S
299 during H1 and the YD has also been proposed, which is most likely caused by
300 the meridional IPWP SST gradient and HC anomalies. We suggest that more
301 advanced high-resolution regional model simulations are required to clarify (1)
302 local precipitation variations in response to the complicated sea level and
303 convection changes, (2) the role of IPWP meridional thermal-hydrological
304 gradient to an altered HC, and (3) its relationship with regional and global
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562 **Table 1** AMS ¹⁴C dates of site MD05-2925.

Depth (cm)	¹⁴ C ages (years)	Error (years)	Cal. ages (years)	Error (years)
117	8823	50	9414	111
127*	10306	70	11259	159
140	10441	30	11333	80
147*	11477	70	12854	110
157	12066	60	13391	84
172*	13117	70	14973	309
180	13748	35	16283	453
192*	14080	74	16746	223
207*	15616	75	18201	175
217	16470	81	19083	90
262*	18985	94	22167	181
272*	20960	150	24411	167
292*	21650	78	25304	339

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564 *Samples were measured in the NSF-Arizona AMS Laboratory of the
565 University of Arizona (U. Arizona), Tucson, USA, and the others were
566 measured in the Rafter Radiocarbon Laboratory, Institute of Geological and
567 Nuclear Science (GNS), New Zealand.

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575 **Table 2** Selected sites for stacked N- and S-IPWP records.

Core	Location (Latitude, and longitude)	References
North-IPWP group (orange circles in Figs 1 and 2)		
ODP 806	0.3°N, 159.4°E	Lea et al. (2000)
MD97-2140	2.0°N, 141.7°E	de Garidel-Thoron et al. (2005)
MD98-2181	6.3°N, 125.8°E	Stott et al. (2002, 2004)
MD06-3067	6.5°N, 126.5°E	Bolliet et al. (2011)
MD97-2141	8.8°N, 121.3°E	Rosenthal et al. (2003)
MD01-2390	12.1°N, 113.2°E	Stenike et al. (2006)
South-IPWP group (green circles and star in Figs 1 and 2)		
MD98-2162	4.4°S, 117.5°E	Visser et al. (2003)
MD98-2176	5.0°S, 133.4°E	Stott et al. (2004)
MD05-2925	9.3°S, 151.5°E	This Study
MD98-2165	9.7°S, 118.3°E	Levi et al. (2007)
MD98-2170	10.6°S, 125.4°E	Stott et al. (2004)
MD01-2378	13.1°S, 121.7°E	Xu et al. (2008)

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578 **Figure captions**

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580 **Fig. 1.** Climatological map of the Indo-Pacific Warm Pool (IPWP) sea surface
 581 temperature (SST, left) and precipitation (right) during 1950-2004 AD
 582 (Reynolds et al., 2002). Upper panels are June-July-August (JJA), and lower
 583 panels are December-January-February (DJF) averages of **(A, C)** SSTs and
 584 **(B, D)** precipitation distribution maps. SST and precipitation are at 0.5 °C and
 585 2 mm/day intervals. Our study site MD05-2925 is shown as the green star.
 586 Orange and green dots denote previous study sites in the IPWP region (Table
 587 2) for reconstruction of meridional thermal and precipitation variations during
 588 the glacial/interglacial change.

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590 **Fig. 2.** EOF analysis on SST (Dataset from Reynolds et al., 2002) and
 591 selected sites (Table 2) used for stacked N- and S-IPWP records. **(A)** EOF1
 592 explains 83.4% of the total variance, which mainly represents intra-annual
 593 seasonality. **(B)** EOF2 shows a clear zonal pattern. Orange circles represent
 594 selected sites for the N-IPWP group and green ones for the S-IPWP group.
 595 The green star denotes the MD05-2925 site used in this study.

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597 **Fig. 3.** Planktonic foraminifera *G. ruber* geochemical proxy records of site
 598 MD05-2925, including **(A)** oxygen isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_C$), **(B)** Mg/Ca ratio, and **(C)**
 599 temperature corrected-only seawater oxygen isotope ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$). Triangle
 600 symbols are corrected radiocarbon dates (Table 1).

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602 **Fig. 4.** Geochemical proxy records of MD05-2925. **(A)** SST (red circles and
 603 line) and **(B)** $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ (blue line) were reconstructed with *G. ruber* Mg/Ca
 604 ratios and $\delta^{18}\text{O}_C$. The cyan line denotes the Antarctica EPICA deuterium
 605 isotope record (Stenni et al., 2003), and the yellow line is the Greenland ice
 606 core NGRIP (Northern Greenland Ice Core Project Members, 2004) oxygen
 607 isotope record. The superimposed dark cyan and dark yellow lines are the
 608 200-yr smoothed records, respectively. Black triangles are AMS ^{14}C dates
 609 (Table 1). Vertical bars denote the H1 and YD periods.

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611 **Fig. 5.** Four hundred-year non-overlapping binned **(A)** SST and **(C)** $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$
 612 of N- (orange solid line) and S-IPWP (green solid line). Lower panel show the
 613 differences in **(B)** SST and **(D)** $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW-IVC}}$ between N- and S-IPWP. The
 614 compilations of N- and S-IPWP surface water thermal and hydrological
 615 records (Table 2) were calculated with the non-overlapping binned methods
 616 (Oppo et al., 2009; Linsley et al., 2010). All dashed lines represent 1-sigma
 617 uncertainty ranges. Gray bars show the H1 and YD events.

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619 **Fig. 6.** Hypothetical proxy-inferred precipitation boundary during the H1 and
 620 YD events (modified from the Linsley et al., 2010). Blue dots represent
 621 relatively increasing precipitation/ $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$ lighter condition, and brown ones a
 622 decreasing precipitation/ $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{SW}}$ heavier condition. The segment between
 623 Java and Flores Islands of this sharp boundary (red dashed line) was
 624 proposed by Mohtadi et al. (2011), and the one between the Solomon and
 625 Coral Seas by this study. Black contours represent SST.

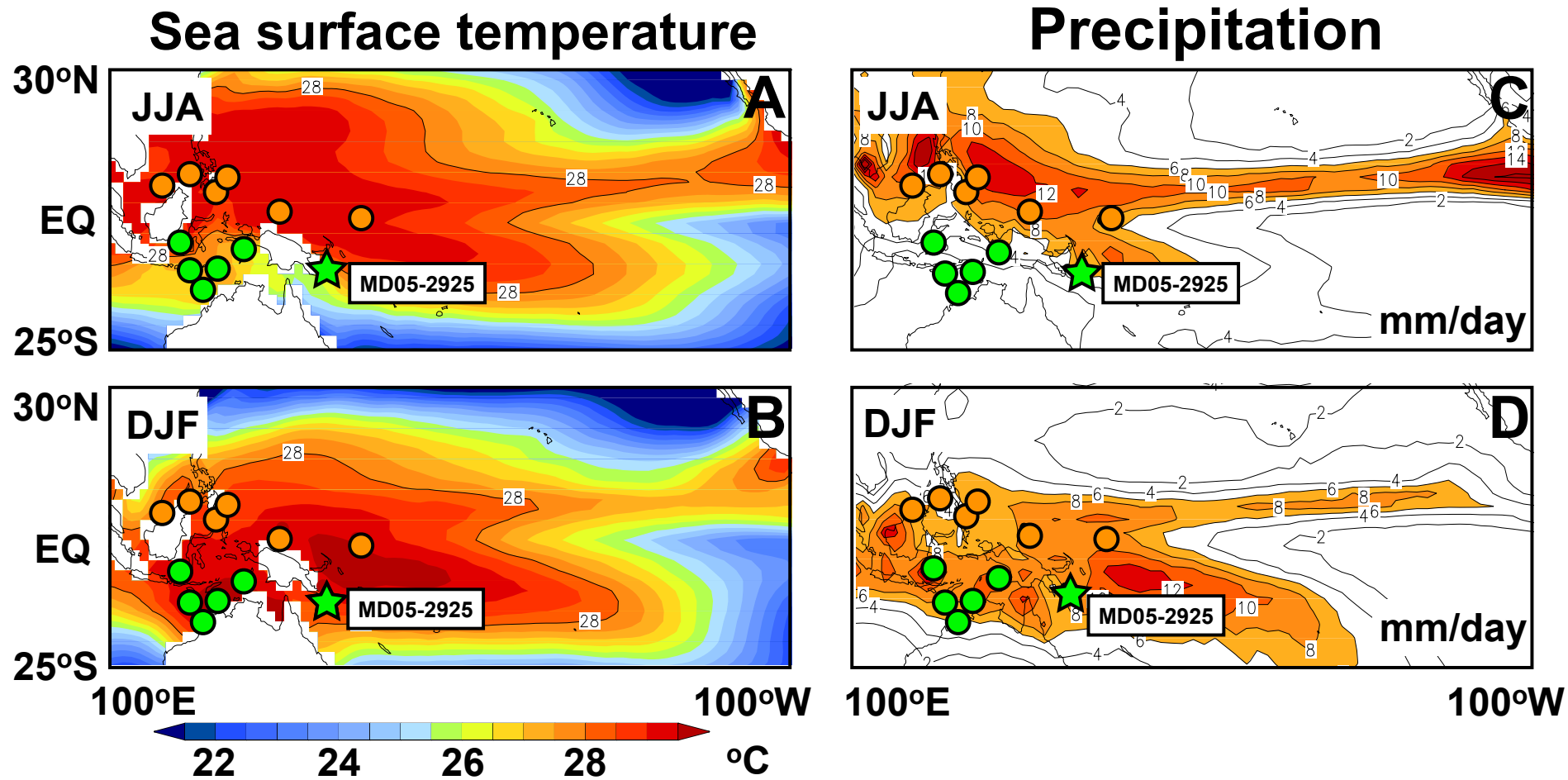


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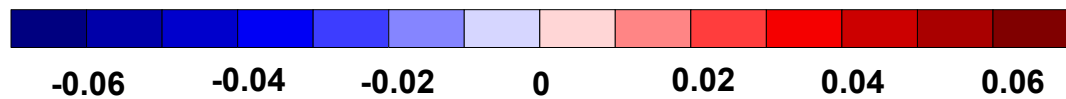
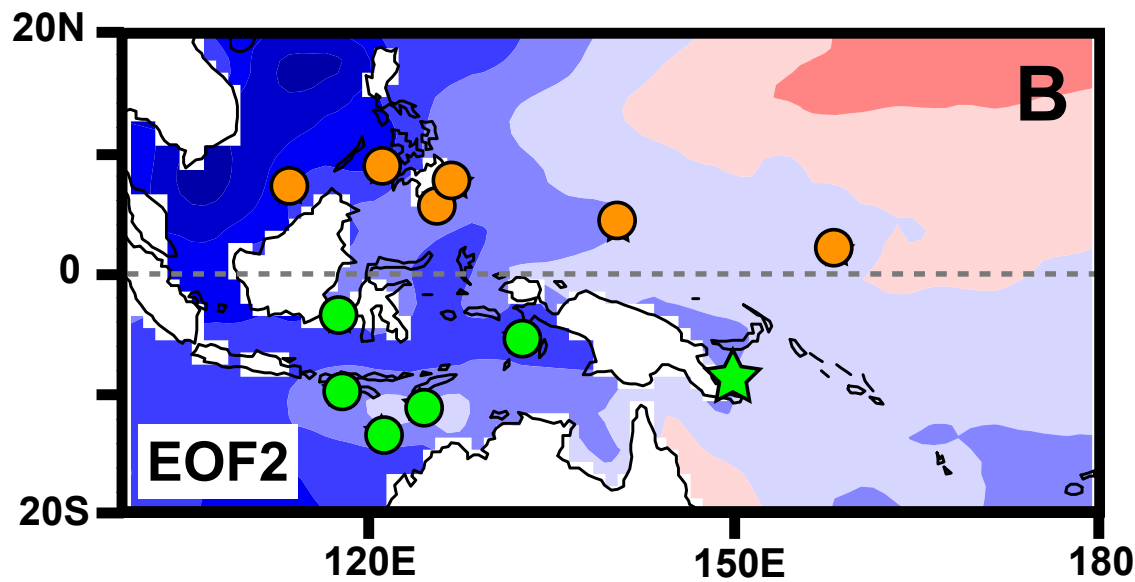
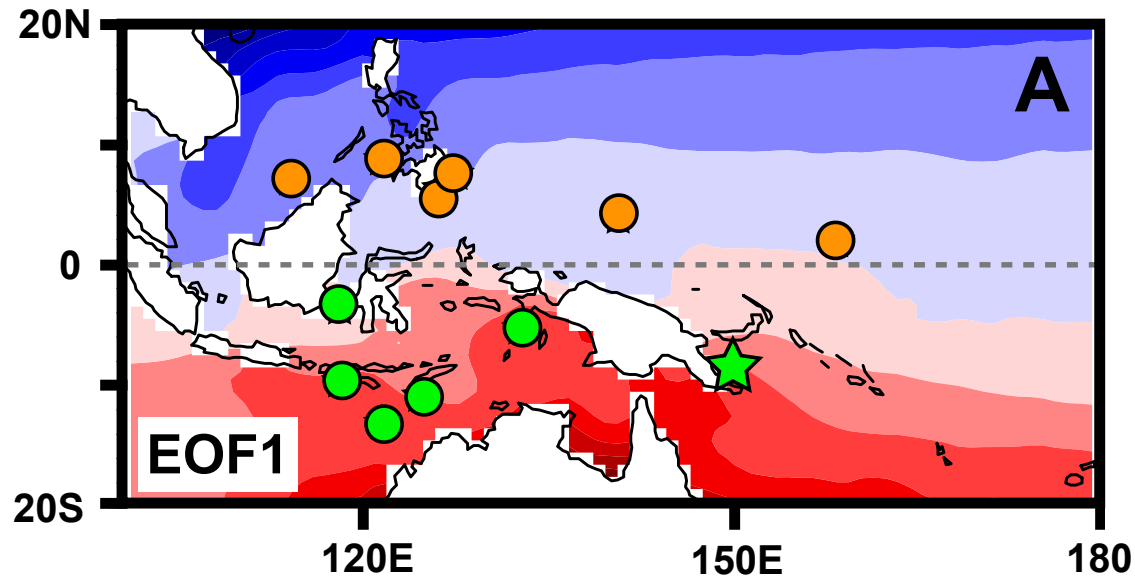


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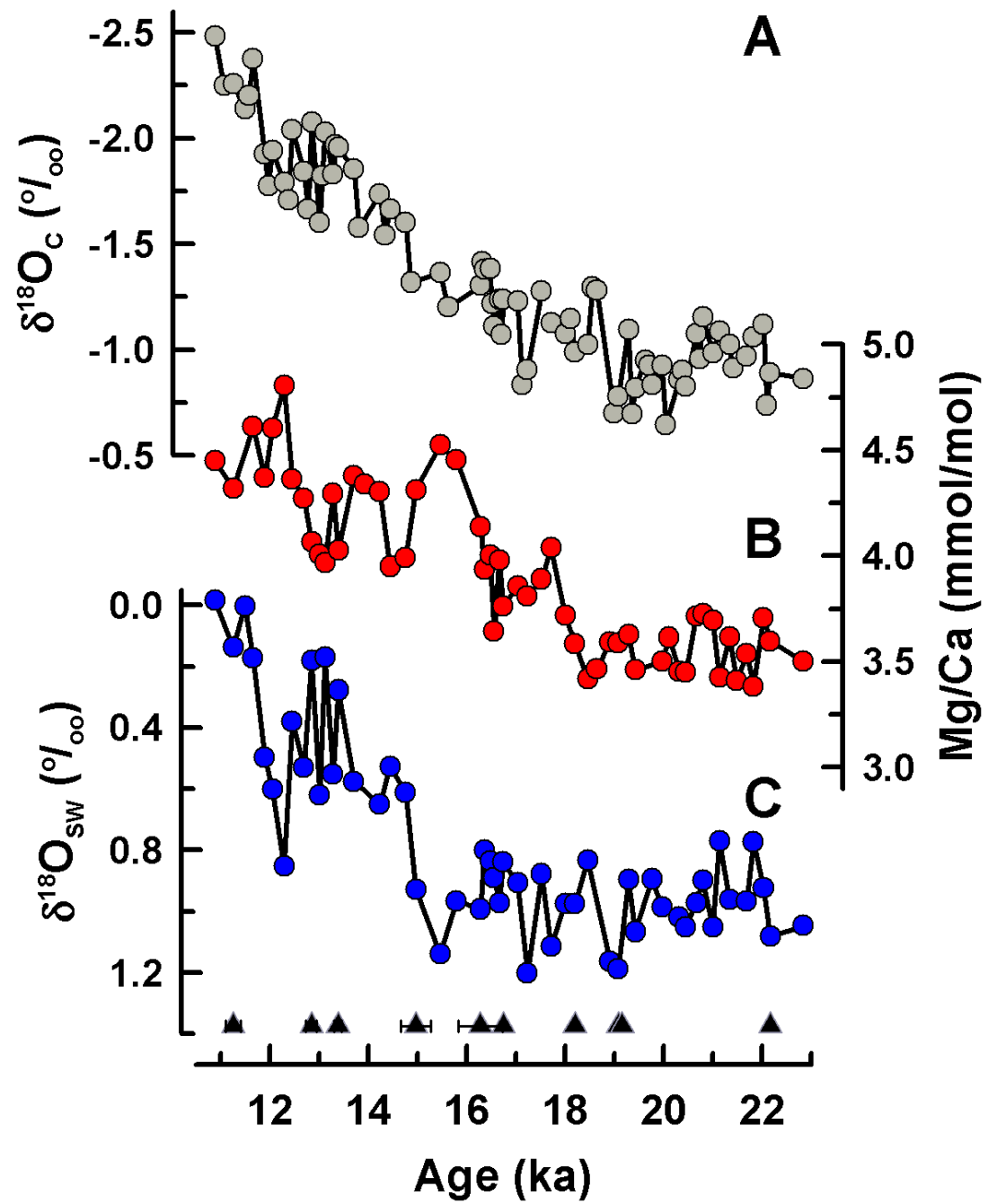


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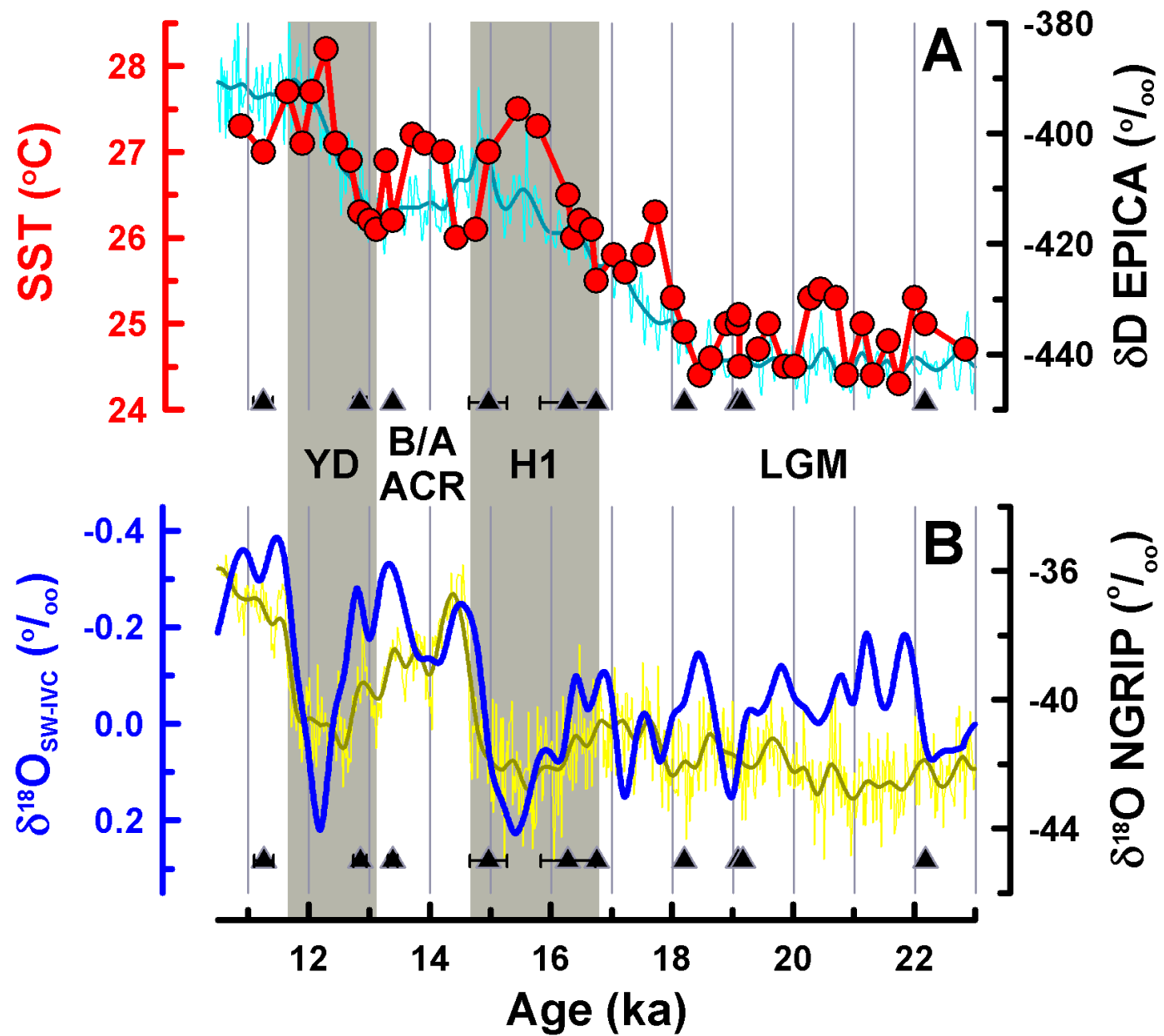


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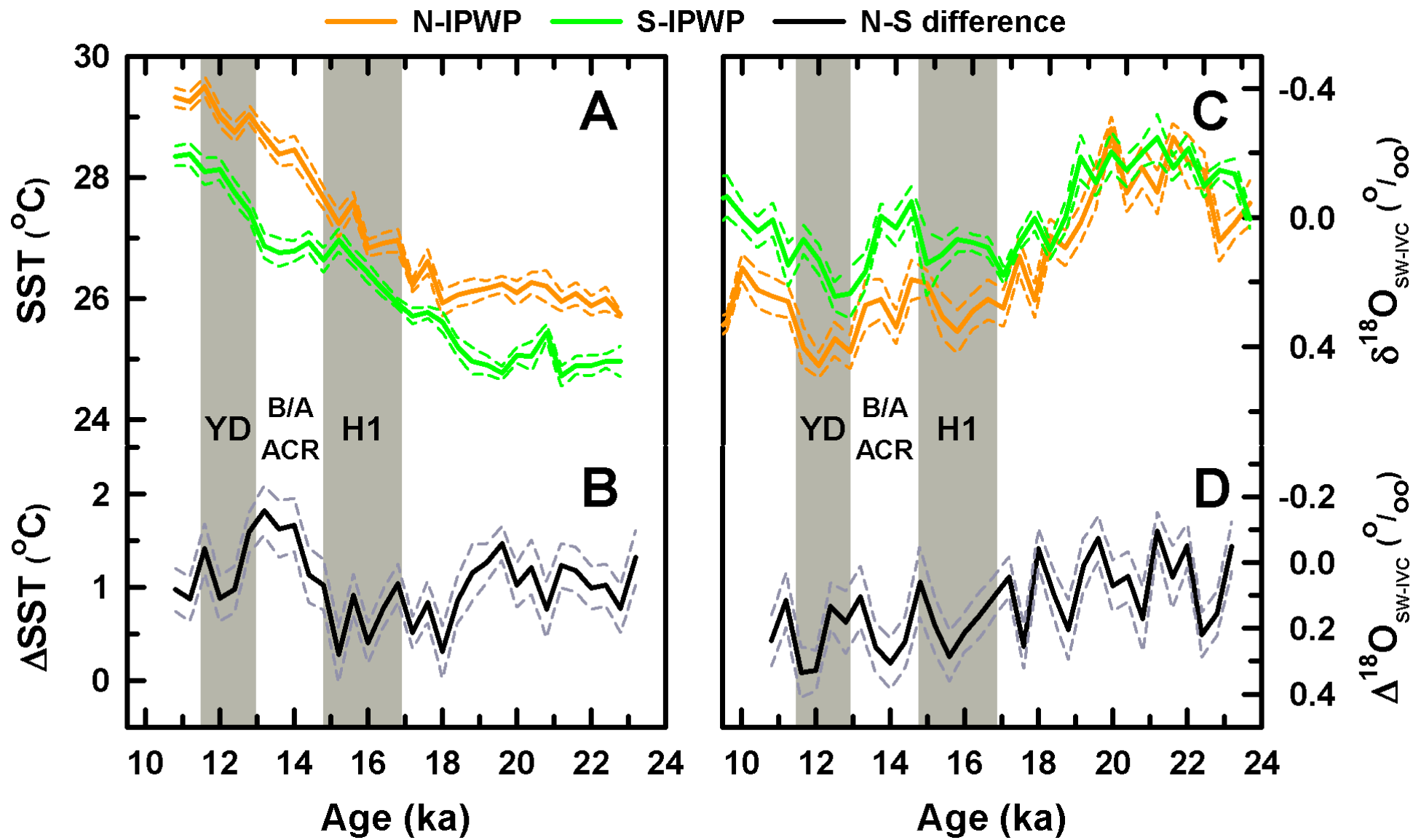


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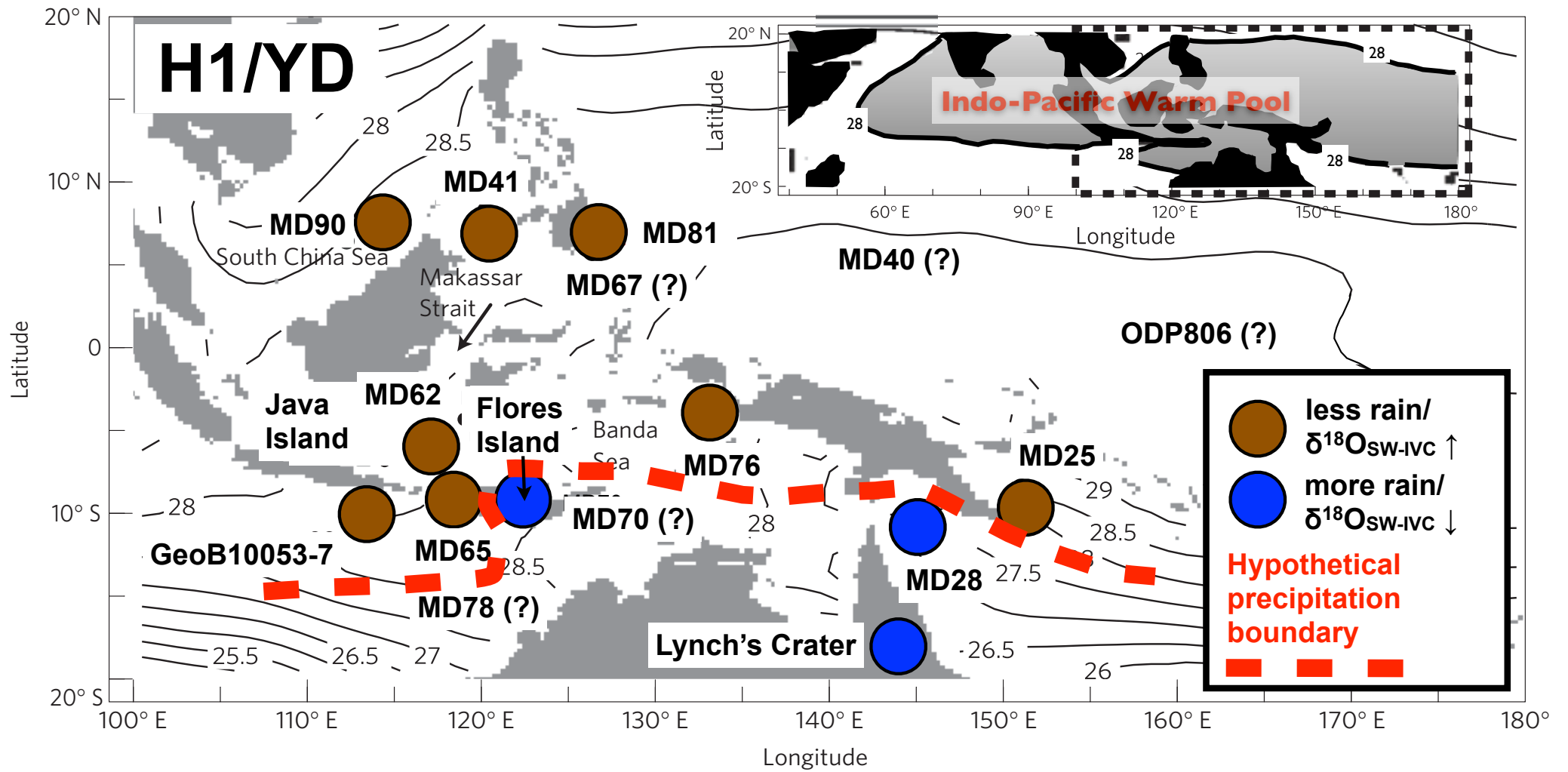


Fig. 6